Highways Development Project such as land acquisition, removal of utilities, forest/pollution/environment clearances etc. These nodal officers hold periodic meetings to review the projects and take action to resolve the problems.

(c) A Committee of Secretaries has been constituted under Cabinet Secretary to address inter-ministerial and Centre-State issues such as land acquisition, utility shifting, environment approvals, clearance of Road Over Bridges etc.

(d) The procedure of issue of land acquisition notifications has now been simplified.

(e) To expedite the construction of Road Over Bridges, an officer of the Railways has been posted to National Highways Authority of India to coordinate with Ministry of Railways. Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with M/s IRCON International Limited for construction of some of the Road Over Bridges.

(f) Action has been taken against non-performing contractors and they are not allowed to bid for future projects unless they improve the performance in existing contracts.

(g) Steps have been taken to improve cash flow problems of contractors by granting interest bearing discretionary advance at the request of contractor, release of retention money against bank guarantee of equal amount, deferment of recovery of advances (on interest basis) and relaxation in minimum IPC amount.

Demands OF SEZs

375. DR.M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) whether port related infrastructure in the country is highly inadequate to meet the demands of SEZs which are fast expanding;

(b) if so, the capacity of each port in the country, port-wise;

(c) the cargo handled by each port during the last three years, port-wise and year-wise:

(d) whether Government propose to add capacity of each port;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R.BAALU): (a) There is considerable pressure on the port infrastructure in India to keep pace with the increasing demands of the maritime trade resulting from the country's economic growth and growing international trade.

(b) to (e) The aggregate capacity of the 12 major ports in India as the 31st March, 2006 is 456.20 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). Under the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP) formulated by the Department of Shipping, it is planned to augment the aggregate capacity in the major ports to 800.41 MTPA by the year 2011-12. Port-wise details of the capacity as on 31st March, 2006, the traffic handled by each major port during the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 and the capacities planned under NMDP by the year 2011-12 are given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Major Port	Capacity as on 31.3.2006 (MTPA)	Cargo handled (in million tonnes)			Capacity planned by 2011-12 (MTPA)
			2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	
1.	Kolkata (Kolkata Dock Systems)	12.60	8.69	9.94	10.80	17.68
2.	Kolkata (Haldia Dock Complex)	42.20	32.57	36.26	42.21	65.19
3.	Mumbai	43.75	30.00	35.19	44.19	51.48
4.	JL Nehru	36.10	31.19	32.81	37.75	81.95
5.	Chennai	48.80	36.71	43.81	47.25	60.58
6.	Cochin	19.35	13.57	14.10	13.94	42.90
7.	Vizag	54.95	47.74	50.15	55.80	106.60
8.	Kandla	46.00	41.52	41.55	45.91	92.17
9.	Mormugao	29.50	27.87	30.66	31.69	53.30
10.	Paradip	51.40	25.31	30.10	33.11	88.86
11.	New Mangalore	38.00	26.67	33.89	34.45	54.94

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12.	Tuticorin	20.55	13.68	15.81	17.14	39.52
13.	Ennore	13.00	9.28	9.48	9.17	45.24
	TOTAL:	**456.20**	**344.80**	**383.75**	**423.41**	**800.41**

Apart from the 12 major ports, 187 non-major ports, which are under the overall jurisdiction of the respective State Governments have handled a total traffic of 120.84 million tonnes (MT), 137.83 MT and 145.53 MT during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively. The responsibility for the development of these non-major ports including augmentation of their cargo handling capacities vests with the respective State Governments.

(f) Does not arise.

New bridge over River Zuari

376. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to stated:

(a) whether Zuari Bridge on National Highway No. 17 has developed cracks;

(b) whether any inspection is carried out by the technician of the Ministry;

(c) whether any report has been filed in this connection;

(d) the basic recommendations contained in this report; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken for the repair or construction of a new bridge on the River Zuari?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir. Two longitudinal cracks have developed in the deck slab of span P4-P5 and P5-P6 of Zuari bridge on NH-17.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. The bridge has been inspected by Chief Engineer and Regional Officer, Mumbai of the Ministry. Inspection report of Chief